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Some schools in city issue guidelines on use of mask, developing immunity, following basic hygiene as covid cases emerge

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Seasonal migration of butterflies gliding across South India's Western and Eastern Ghats continues quietly in city that is witnessing early monsoon

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Back-to-back cases of children going missing from city's streets puts spotlight on growing exploitation of vulnerable children in public spaces, raises worries about trafficking

LOST CHILDHOOD

Railway stations, footpaths, markets becoming hotspots for traffickers

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Bengaluru is witnessing a worrying pattern of child disappearances, with two disturbing cases reported within just a week. The incidents have heightened concerns about trafficking and the growing exploitation of vulnerable children in public spaces across the city.

On May 20, a 12-year-old girl with a mental illness went missing from near the KSR Bengaluru railway station. She was sleeping along with her near the car parking area at the railway station.

The family had come from Machilipatnam for treatment at NIMHANS and were waiting for a return train when the girl vanished. Despite immediate search efforts, the child remains untraceable. A case has been registered, and investigations are ongoing.

Just days earlier, in the early hours near Shivaji Nagar, a one-year-old boy, the son of a balloon seller, was abducted while sleeping on a footpath. The Commercial Street Police have launched a probe and are reviewing CCTV footage from the area. Authorities have appealed to the public for any information that might help trace the child.

These back-to-back cases shed light on the vulnerabilities of families living in open and unprotected public spaces. Police officials and child

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> "In many of the cases, abducted or trafficked children are later found begging at traffic signals, bus stops, or markets. Some are even lent out by handlers for a daily wage
>
> —Rescue operations team member

Friendly much?

Local activists unsure about plan to allow tourists to visit anti-poaching camps, interact with watchers as part of Friends of Bandipur programme

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Bandipur Tiger Reserve's 'Friends of Bandipur' programme, to promote tourism and spread awareness about forest and wildlife conservation, has come under the lens of local activists.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Administration, through its social media page, has advertised that in addition to safari, tourists will also get a chance to visit anti-poaching camps, interact with camp watchers, and learn about efforts made by the forest department to protect forests and wildlife.

Activists say there can be no method by which a poacher entering a wildlife habitat under the garb of a tourist can be identified.

"While the programme is a good initiative for spreading awareness about conservation among city dwellers, the tourists are being allowed to visit and interact with anti-poaching camp officers. On regular safaris, tourists are not allowed to visit anti-poaching camps. NTCA has advised against this in its guidelines," said a local activist.

The 'Friends of Bandipur' programme is a 2-night, 3-day immersive experience organised by the Bandipur Tiger Reserve to educate, explore, and create awareness about wildlife conservation in the

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Perils of a sedentary life

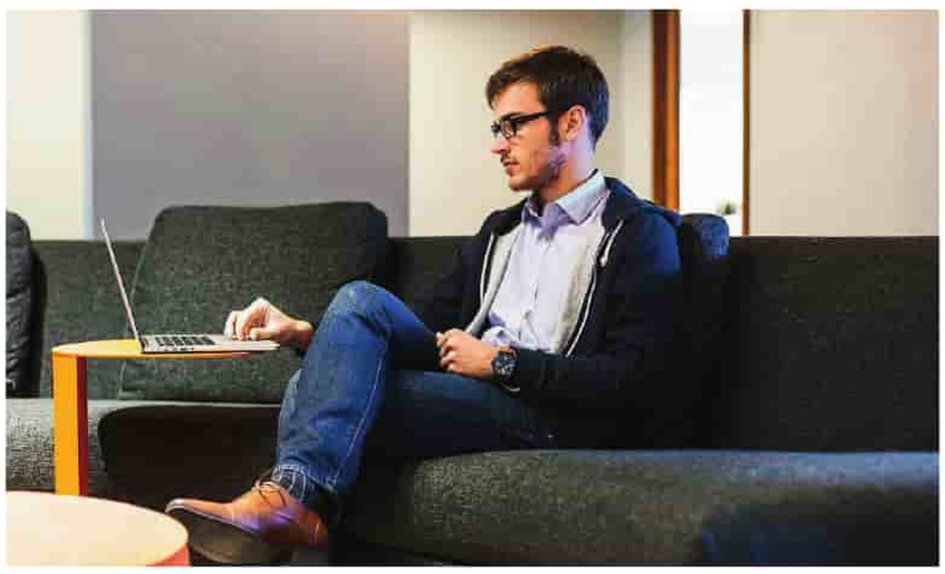
Too much sitting increases risk of future health problems in chest pain patients – new research

For patients hospitalised with chest pain, the amount of time they spend sedentary afterward is linked to a greater risk for more heart problems and death within a year.

That's the key finding of a new peer-reviewed study my colleagues and I published in the journal Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes.

We asked 609 emergency room patients experiencing chest pain — average age of 62 — to wear a physical activity monitor for 30 days after leaving the hospital.

The monitor measured movements, sitting time and sleep throughout the day. We then followed patients for one year to track whether they had additional heart problems or died. We found that patients who averaged more than 15 hours of sedentary behaviour daily — which does not include sleep — were more than twice as likely to experience more heart problems or die in the year after discharge than patients who accrued a daily average of 12 hours of sedentary time.



But our goal wasn't just to document that sitting is harmful. It was also to figure out what patients should do instead to lower their risk.

We found that replacing 30 minutes of sedentary time with moderate or vigorous movement, like brisk walking or running, was most beneficial. It was associated with a 62 per cent lower risk of experiencing more heart problems or dying in the year after discharge.

But we also found that replacing 30 minutes of sedentary time with just light movement, such as slow walking or housework, lowered the risk of heart problems and death by 50 per cent.

Sleep was also a healthier option. Replacing 30 minutes of sedentary time with sleep lowered the risk of heart problems and death by 14 per cent.

Why it matters

Over 8 million people in the US are admitted to the hospital with chest pain suggestive of acute coronary syndrome. annually. This covers a range of conditions involving reduced blood flow to the heart, including angina and heart attack.

Patients with acute coronary syndrome remain at high risk of having another heart problem even with optimal medical treatment.

The risk also remains high for patients with chest pain who are discharged without a diagnosis of acute coronary syndrome, as their unexplained chest pain may be a precursor to more serious heart problems. Given this risk, there is a need to identify risk factors that can be modified to improve a patient's prognosis after hospitalisation for chest pain.

In previous research, we found that patients with acute coronary syndrome had a fear of exercise and were sedentary, spending over 13 hours a day sitting.

Given that sedentary behaviour has been linked to poor heart health in the general population, we were concerned that patients were unknowingly increasing their risk of having another heart problem.

Our latest findings confirm that sedentary time is a harmful behaviour for these patients. But beyond telling patients to stop sitting so much, our work provides important guidance: Any movement, regardless of how intense, can be beneficial after hospitalisation. This is especially relevant for people recovering from heart problems who may find exercise difficult or scary.

While exercise provides the best "bang for your buck" in terms of health benefits, our findings are good news for patients who may not have the time, ability or desire to exercise. And for those unable to fit in more movement, just getting an extra half hour of sleep is a small, doable step that can make a meaningful difference for your health after hospitalisation.

What still isn't known

Researchers don't fully understand why sedentary time is harmful. Muscles help regulate blood sugar and lipid levels. It is thought that when muscles aren't used, such as when patients sit for hours, this can lead to harmful elevations in blood sugar and lipids.

In turn, this can cause inflammation, plaque buildup in the arteries and organ damage. More research is needed to understand the biological mechanisms so that we can determine just how much movement is needed in a day.

What's next

While our study highlights the potential risks of sedentary behavior after being hospitalised for chest pain, it was an observational study. Clinical trials are needed to confirm that replacing sedentary time with activity or sleep can improve prognosis.

(By Keith Diaz, Columbia University, The Conversation)

Join the initiative to
Stop the Edema March

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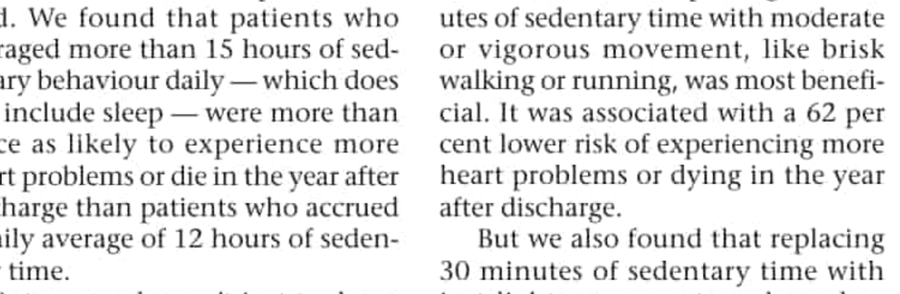
Edema is a medical term for a type of swelling characterized by fluid accumulation in the body Edema can occur in any part of the body, depending on the underlying causes, ranging from local swelling to swelling throughout the body.[1]



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If left untreated edema may predispose patients to infection, ulcers, & cardiorenal complications. Hence, the early detection of edema is important.[1]

Screen Early to Check Whether You Have Risk of Edema
Screening of edema will help detect underlying illnesses early and help to seek appropriate medical support early.[1]

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How to check your CIBIL score

Step-by-step guide to monitor your credit score

Monitoring your credit score is a quick and important step to understanding your financial health. By regularly checking your score and maintaining responsible financial habits, you can build a strong credit profile — improving your chances of securing loans, credit cards, and better interest rates.

Since January 2017, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated that all four licensed credit bureaus offer one free credit report and score per year to every individual. This initiative promotes transparency and empowers consumers to track their credit standing and make informed financial decisions.

In India, the credit ecosystem is supported by four major credit bureaus: TransUnion CIBIL, Experian, Equifax, and CRIF High Mark. These RBI-licensed agencies play a crucial role in assessing individuals' creditworthiness by collecting and analyzing credit-related information, and providing credit scores and reports that help lenders make informed decisions.

What is a CIBIL score and why does it matter?

A CIBIL score, provided by the Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited, is a three-digit number (300–900) that reflects your creditworthiness. It's a critical factor banks and financial institutions evaluate before approving loans or credit cards. A score above 700 is considered good, while 900 is ideal. Regularly checking your CIBIL score helps you stay informed about your financial health, manage risks, and improve your eligibility for better loan terms.

Step-by-step guide to check your CIBIL Score for free

Follow these simple steps to access your free CIBIL score and credit report online:

Step 1: Visit the Official CIBIL Website. Go to the CIBIL website and navigate to the "Get Your CIBIL Score" section.

Step 2: Fill out the initial form. Enter your basic details, including: Full name, contact number and email address. Then click "Continue to Step 2."

Step 3: Enter your PAN number accurately, as it's important to generate your report. Double-check the details to avoid errors.

Step 4: Respond to questions about your loans and credit cards. These answers help calculate your CIBIL score and generate your credit report.

Step 5: You will be offered paid subscription plans for multiple reports. For a one-time free report, select "No Thanks" at the bottom of the page. Your account will be created, and a confirmation message will appear.

Step 6: Log in using the email and password created before. Check your registered email for a verification link and a one-time password (OTP). Click the link, enter the OTP, and change your password as prompted.

Step 7: Log in again, and your personal details will auto-populate (if not, enter them manually). Provide your contact number and click "Submit."

Step 8: Your dashboard will display your CIBIL score and credit report. Download the report for a detailed overview of your credit history.

Importance of checking CIBIL Score

Checking your CIBIL score once a year is a great start, but monthly monitoring is ideal. Banks and NBFCs update credit data regularly, and staying proactive helps you:

Detect errors or discrepancies in your report.

Track repayment patterns and improve your score.

Identify factors impacting your credit health, such as missed payments or high credit utilization.

Tips to maintain a healthy CIBIL Score

Pay EMIs and credit card bills on time: Late payments negatively affect your score.

Keep credit utilization low: Aim to use less than 30% of your available credit limit.

Avoid multiple loan applications: Frequent applications can signal financial distress.

Review your report for errors: Dispute inaccuracies with CIBIL promptly.

FAQs on checking your CIBIL score

1. How often can I check my CIBIL score for free?

You can check your CIBIL score and report for free once a year, as mandated by the RBI. For additional reports, consider a paid subscription.

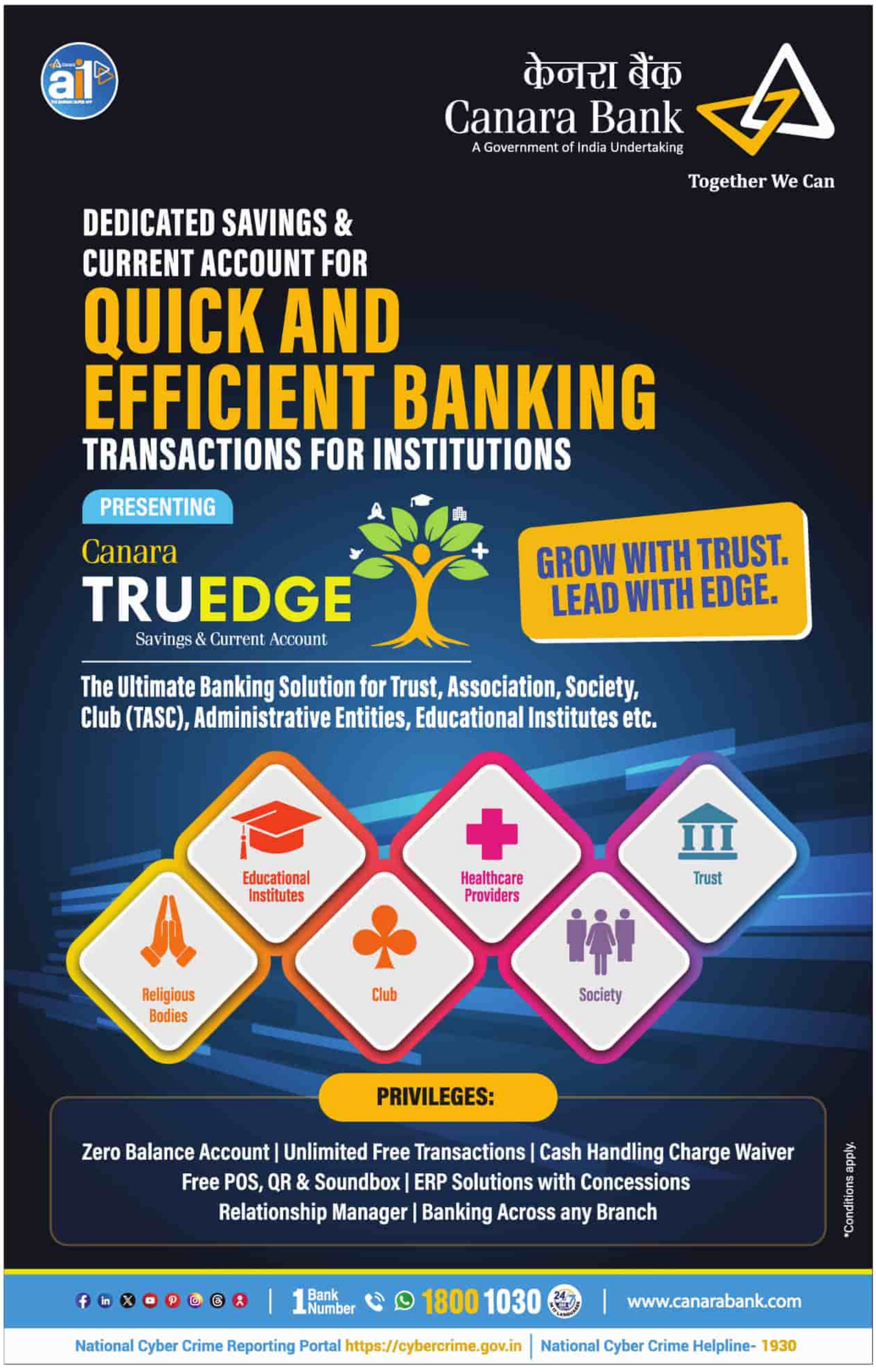
2. Does checking my CIBIL score affect it?

No, checking your own score does not impact your CIBIL score.

3. What if my CIBIL score is below 700?

A score below 700 may limit loan approvals. Focus on timely payments, reducing debt, and correcting report errors to improve it.

—Sneha Kulkarni, ET Online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THINGS TO DO

01 Art extravaganza

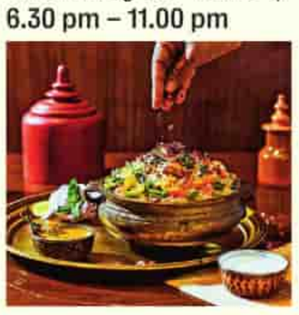
Experience soulful crafts, rich cuisine, vibrant performances, and hands-on workshops as Dastkar Bazaar returns—revamped and reimagined—at a brand-new venue this year. **Where: Freedom Park; When: May 28 – June 3, 11.00 am – 8.00 pm**

02 Classical debut

Enjoy Sahana Kaushik's debut Arangetram presented by Surya School of Performing Arts, in the esteemed presence of renowned gurus. **Where: ADA Rangamandira; When: May 25, 4.25 pm**

03 Heritage dining

Enjoy a royal culinary journey featuring bold flavours, rare ingredients, and regal Rampuri recipes—set under the stars at Spice Terrace. **Where: Spice Terrace, JW Marriott When: May 23 – June 1, 6.30 pm – 11.00 pm**



04 Stage bloom

Witness an enchanting Bharatanatyam Arangetram celebrating years of rigorous training, artistic devotion, and cultural heritage. **Where: Yuva Patha; When: May 31, 4.00 pm**

05 Cultural workshop

Celebrate International Museum Day with a traditional Chittara art workshop at NGMA Bengaluru, welcoming persons with disabilities and all art lovers. **Where: National Gallery of Modern Art; When: May 30, 11.30 am**

City pedals forward with cycling vision

With support from civic bodies and citizens, Pedaluru focuses on infrastructure, awareness, and policy change to reimagine cycling as everyday urban mobility

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Cyclists to reclaim the city, one ride at a time

In a vibrant bid to transform Bengaluru into India's cycling capital, the city is gearing up for 'Pedaluru', a five-year citizen-led campaign that puts the spotlight on sustainable mobility. Pedaluru is more than just a cycling event—it's a movement to reimagine urban transport and reclaim city roads for cyclists.

The Pedaluru event will be held on June 5 at Karnataka Hockey Stadium, Langford Road on June 1 at 6.00 am. Bengaluru's Bicycle Mayor Satya Sankaran said, "The campaign, which evolved from the 2018 pre-COVID 'Ride for Safety' initiative that drew 3,500 cyclists, officially began in 2024. It promotes cycling through a mix of mass rides, online advocacy, and community activations, including its flagship event on World Bicycle Day, June 1st, which is expected to gather over 5,000 cyclists, influencers, politicians, and artists for a celebration of mobility, art, and innovation."

At its core, Pedaluru backs the Karnataka Active Mobility Bill, a progressive legislation mandating safer, more accessible infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. The initiative actively engages corporate houses, college communities, and resident welfare associations to build public pressure for policy change and infrastructure development.

The campaign's phased master plan—Ignite, Explore, Transform, Embrace, and Lead—maps a clear journey from awareness to city-wide adoption of cycling as a mainstream, fashionable, and fitness-driven commuting option. Already, Pedaluru boasts achievements like the installation of cycle stands in key city locations, cycling self-repair hubs at Metro stations, and a growing community of over 6,000 tracked cycle-to-work users.

Sankaran added, "Bengaluru's initiative echoes global examples. Paris added over 1,000 km of cycle lanes in three years. Bogota saw a 91% spike in cycling with temporary lanes. Locally, a week-long tactical lane trial in Bengaluru tripled cyclist numbers—proof that small steps can yield transformational change."

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What makes Pedaluru stand out is its inclusive, optimistic approach. Unlike typical advocacy models that rely on protest or confrontation, Pedaluru proposes solutions through design, collaboration, and celebration. With the backing of major stakeholders—ranging from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to international consulates and local civic groups—the movement shows how grassroots enthusiasm, institutional support, and thoughtful planning can converge to spark real change.

As the campaign moves forward, the goal is ambitious yet achievable: build a city where cycling isn't an exception, but the norm. With over 150 cycle stands installed, partnerships with city colleges, and growing support from the corporate sector, Pedaluru is steadily laying the groundwork. By 2029, the campaign envisions a vibrant ecosystem of over 1,00,000 cyclists, 100 corporates, and 200 residential associations actively participating.

CET 2025 results declared, grace marks given

KEA uses facial recognition, CCTV, and online data to streamline CET 2025—OMR sheets public, ranks based on multi-board integration

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) officially announced the results of the Common Entrance Test (CET) 2025 on Saturday. KEA officials said that based on final answer keys reviewed by subject experts, the merit list has been prepared and published on the KEA website. This year, a single grace mark was awarded in Physics, while Chemistry included two questions with two correct answers each, and Biology had one such question. The evaluation has been carried out accordingly.

PU board and national boards data integration

In a move towards inclusivity and standardisation, the CET ranking list was compiled using the best scores from the Karnataka Second PUC board exams. For the first time, marks from CBSE and ICSE board students who studied in Karnataka were directly fetched online for rank computation.

Face recognition tech and CCTV for fairness

KEA officials said that for the first time, face recognition-based verification was used to admit candidates into exam halls, matching submitted photos with KEA's IT-developed app. Exam centres were equipped with CCTV cameras and enabled with webcasting for real-time monitoring at district headquarters. Frisking was conducted under police supervision, with one home guard assigned per 100 candidates.

Public display of OMR sheets

In an unprecedented move, KEA uploaded all 11.67 lakh OMR sheets on its website after the examination. This initiative allows public access and independent scrutiny, reinforcing the authority's commitment to transparency.

Delayed results for some due to data entry errors

Results for approximately 10,000 candidates were delayed by four to five days due to incorrect registration or roll numbers entered during application. Candidates from other states who studied under various boards were allowed to upload their marks via a dedicated link. Their entries were verified before final rank assignment.

Pre-result document verification

"For the first time, document verification was completed even before the CET results were announced. Based on SATS and RD database checks, most verifications were conducted online. Those not verified online had their documents checked directly at their respective PU colleges. Additionally, students claiming special or category reservations underwent document scrutiny at the KEA office. In total, documentation of over 3 lakh candidates has been completed", a KEA official said.

UG NEET, architecture, and allied health admissions

Admissions to medical, dental, and AYUSH courses will be based on NEET-2025 scores. Once NEET results and MCC counselling schedules are announced, KEA will conduct a combined counselling process for medical, engineering, and other professional courses. Ranks for Architecture courses will be issued based on NATA-2025 scores, while rankings for BPT, BPO, and BSC. Allied Health Sciences courses will be released in the coming days. Document verification for specially-abled candidates will be held at the KEA office between June 3 to 6. **— BMB**

Schools issue Covid guidelines as classes resume tomorrow

As Covid cases rise, some schools issue protocols on mask use, hygiene, and keeping unwell children home; experts stress frequent handwashing, covering coughs, and proper ventilation

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As the number of Covid cases in the city shows an upward trend, some schools have issued written and verbal advice to parents after campuses reopen on Monday (May 26), following summer vacation.

These instructions and guidelines cover mask care, building strong immunity, keeping unwell children home from school, and practising basic hygiene.

Delhi Public School has issued a set of protocols and guidelines to all parents to be followed on campus by students once they return to classes on Monday, May 26.

The protocol states that if a child has a persistent cough, severe cold, or runny nose along with a fever above 99°F, they should not attend school, even if they are on medication. Attending school in such a condition can lead to super-infection, where the child may contract additional infections from their surroundings, potentially causing complications.

Moreover, children may wear masks that should cover their nose and mouth at all times, even while talking. Even though it may seem uncomfortable at times, children should be taught to get used to it, and they need to know the importance of their safety, as well as that of others.

"We issued this advisory on Friday, as senior classes will begin on May 26 after the summer break. These are basic instructions while we observe the situation. Since children will be back on campus in a staggered manner, we will have time to step up the measures if need arises," said Anita Bijesh, Principal, Delhi Public School (South).

Another school, Gurukul International School, says verbal instructions will be given once students start classes on Monday after summer break.

"We have cautioned parents verbally about basic COVID protocols to be followed starting Monday (May 26)," said MN Natesh Kumar, principal of Gurukul International School.

Many schools say they will wait to issue guidelines until campuses reopen, as they have received no government advice and the infection is mild.

"We have not sent out any advisory so far, as we do not want to create panic. Bringing in Covid protocols is not going to be difficult if the need arises. We already have the process in place," said Kiran Prasad, principal, Vidya Vaibhav Public School

Experts urge parents and schools to promote hygiene, cover coughs, clean surfaces, and wash hands, to prevent virus spread.

"Frequent hand washing will help control the spread of the virus. When a child is ill, parents should keep an eye out for symptoms. Schools should encourage the use of masks and make sure there is adequate ventilation," said Dr Aravinda SN, Lead Consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital.

Mandatory testing for SARI cases

Karnataka has reported a slight increase in Covid-19 positive cases over the past week, with a total of 35 active cases currently in the state. Of these, 32 cases are from Bengaluru alone. Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao said there was no need for public alarm despite the detection of COVID cases.

"The Covid Technical Committee convened on Friday to review the status of cases in the state and discuss precautionary measures. We have already taken preventive steps and remain in constant touch with the Central Government. Across India, 257 cases have been reported so far," said Minister Gundurao. Most Covid-positive patients exhibit mild symptoms, with no severe complications reported to date. The government has directed that Covid testing be made mandatory for patients with respiratory distress and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) cases. Samples must be collected from admitted patients suffering from respiratory or cardiac conditions to ensure comprehensive testing."

Covid claims 84-year-old man

An 84-year-old man undergoing treatment for respiratory issues at a private hospital has died of Covid-19. Health officials confirmed the cause of death and noted that the city currently has 32 active Covid cases. Health Minister clarified that all the Covid patients had mild symptoms.

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Under a hot sun

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CM warns against rising polarisation and distrust

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in his speech tabled in the NITI Aayog meeting, on Saturday cautioned against rising polarisation and erosion of trust in institutions saying that they weaken the foundation of Indian Republic. Siddaramaiah skipped the 10th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog held in New Delhi, which was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, citing prior engagements in his hometown Mysuru.

In his absence, his speech was tabled in the meeting, sources close to the Chief Minister told PTI. The journey to 2047 cannot be purely economic, it must also be socially harmonious and constitutionally anchored, Siddaramaiah said in his speech, which was shared by his office.

"Rising polarisation, exclusionary narratives, and erosion of trust in institutions weaken the very foundations of our Republic. We must reaffirm our commitment to pluralism, justice, and the rule of law," the Chief Minister said. According to him, India@2047 should not just be a slogan; it must be a challenge and a calling for everyone—A challenge to close the gaps of inequality, and a calling to rise together as a federation of empowered states.

"The road to an India @2047 must be paved with the visions, strengths, and aspirations of every state, from the Himalayas, the banks of the Ganga to the plains of Kaveri," Siddaramaiah noted. The CM has also set a goal of achieving 100% piped water to every household and establishing Karnataka as South Asia's electric vehicle capital and turning every Taluk (Tehsil) into a Skill District in three years. Doubling the area under organic farming and expanding early warning systems to all vulnerable regions are other goals for the next 1,000 days. "Karnataka's roadmap for the next 1,000 days is a declaration of intent: to lead by example, inspire by action, and govern with purpose," he said. — PTI

CRIME FILES

Jail raid finds contraband, staff in radar

Police raided the Parappana Agrahara Central Jail on May 23 and seized ₹16,500 in cash, a mobile phone, a charger, four knives, and an induction stove. The operation lasted over three hours.

The raid, carried out at 7:30 am, was led by Electronic City ACP Srikanth and conducted on the orders of Southeast Division DCP Sarafathima. A team of seven inspectors, divided into three groups, searched the Special Security Wing, the barracks for convicts, and the women's section of the jail.

During the operation, ₹7,000

was found with convict Chaluva in B-Barrack Room No 1, while a mobile phone and ₹2,000 were seized from Irshad in C-Barrack. Another ₹5,000 was recovered from the convict Akash, hidden in the bathroom. Additional items, including a four-port mobile charger and an electric stove, were also confiscated. The seized items are banned inside the prison, and the investigation has revealed that jail staff and KSISF security personnel may have facilitated the smuggling. A total of 175 personnel, including DCP, ACP and five inspectors participated in this raid.

A case has been registered at the Parappana Agrahara Police Station under relevant sections of the Prisons Act against jail inmates Chaluva, Irshad, and Akash, Maruthi, as well as prison and KSISF staff. Police officials urged that strict action would be taken against those responsible for security lapses. — BMB

Rescuer dies in accident

A 22-year-old man lost his life late Friday night near Byrapatna village on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway while rushing to help victims of a road accident. The victim was identified as Darshan, an engineering student from Sankalgere village. On his way home after visiting a gas warehouse near Byrapatna, he encountered an auto-rickshaw accident at the expressway exit towards Channapatna. Darshan parked his two-wheeler near the Ayodhya Hotel and rushed to the accident site to offer assistance. While crossing the road on his way back, he was struck by the speeding Erawat bus and died on the spot. — BMB

Thieves make off with Metro cables

Around 64 metres of cable worth around Rs 1 lakh have gone missing from the track between Nagasandra and Dasarahalli

Around 64 metres of electric cable were found missing from the Namma Metro track between Nagasandra and Dasarahalli. The theft was discovered by an Assistant Security Officer during a routine patrol on the morning of May 6. A complaint has been filed. According to the complaint lodged at the police station, the officer, who has been working at the Nagasandra Metro for over eight years, stated that pillar number 498 was found intact on May 5. However, upon inspection at around 7 am the next day, he noticed that the cable had been cut. Further investigation confirmed the theft of 64 metres of cable, valued at approximately ₹1,00,866.

Bengaluru has witnessed a series of metro cable thefts, mainly involving copper wires and conductors. These incidents have disrupted metro operations and raised serious security concerns. In a notable case, around 490 metres of copper cable, weighing 1,225 kg and valued at ₹5 lakh, was stolen between the Baiyappanahalli and Swami Vivekananda Road stations. The BMRCL has lodged police complaints and launched an investigation.

Recently, lakhs of rupees were spent on the lower reaches of the railway track of Peenya, Rajajinagar, Basavanagudi, Baiyappanahalli metro line including pillar number 498 of Dasarahalli-Nagasandra. Hundreds of metres of copper power cable worth Rs 10,000 crore have been stolen.

However, the BMRCL officials have complained with the Bagalgunte police station against 13 employees of the police station. The officer has named several Metro staff members who were on night duty on May 5 as potentially connected to the incident. — BMB

Truck-car collision kills one

A car collides with a truck on the Hebbal flyover around 2 am on Saturday, resulting in the death of one and injuries to several others. The deceased has been identified as Fayaz Ahmed, who died on the spot. According to police, a cargo truck carrying stone blocks overturned while heading towards Bengaluru from the airport. Another vehicle, unable to stop in time, rammed into the overturned vehicle. Moments later, Fayaz Ahmed, driving his car, collided with the rear of the second truck and succumbed to his injuries instantly.

In total, three vehicles were damaged in the accident. Stone logs scattered across the flyover posed further danger, but a major disaster was averted due to low vehicular movement at that hour. — BMB

Safety first at KSFC Layout meet

Community and police discuss local safety issues, including drug use and solar thefts; officials stress on real-time reporting and surveillance to deter crime

A citizens-police interaction was held under the aegis of the KSFC Layout Residents Welfare Association on Saturday, 24th May 2025 at the RWA office premises. Sri Umashankar, ACP, Banaswadi Division and the ASIs of Banaswadi Police Station interacted with the layout residents, who gathered in large numbers and participated enthusiastically.

While the residents pointed out some of the recurring issues such as street corner drinking and marijuana consumption by youth from neighbouring areas and recent incidents of solar panel thefts in the layout.

He advised the public that they should call 112 immediately if they notice petty criminal incidents. He said that if petty crimes go unpunished it will lead to more serious crimes.

Police advise vigilance, action, awareness

He enlightened the residents on a number of measures such as weeding out illegally staying foreign nationals in combating drug menace. He advised the residents not to rent out their premises to foreign nationals without due verification. He also mentioned that many house thefts have been committed by house helps of Nepali origin and suggested the public to be vigilant.

He recommended that the RWA should install CCTV cameras at the entry and exit points of all the streets with a facility to store the feed in the RWA office for a sufficient number of days. He advised the residents to be aware of cyber fraud and the modus operandi of the cyber criminals. — BMB

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Unsafe passage

KG Halli

Ongoing construction near KG Halli Police Station has rendered the road dangerously slushy, with waterlogging posing risks to schoolchildren and two-wheeler riders. Several accidents have already occurred.

Parking chaos

HSR Layout

Unregulated parking across HSR Layout is causing major traffic snarls and safety risks, with residents urging swift enforcement to restore order on the roads.

Waste zone

Kodigehalli

Garbage continues to be dumped carelessly at Site 16, in a colony near Kodigehalli Main Road, raising serious health and sanitation concerns for residents.

Classroom to lifelong wellness: Schools lead health revolution

In a country grappling with a growing burden of non-communicable diseases and preventable illnesses, a quiet yet powerful revolution is taking shape within school classrooms. Several forward-thinking educational institutions are now integrating structured health curricula to instill lifelong habits in children offering hope for a healthier, more aware generation.

India, despite its rapid economic progress, continues to face public health indicators. The country's life expectancy stands at just 70 years—significantly lower than Japan's 84 years while the healthy life expectancy is only 60 years, compared to Japan's 75. Public health experts estimate that India loses nearly 6% of its GDP annually due to premature deaths and preventable diseases, many of which are linked to poor lifestyle choices and lack of early intervention.

In response to these challenges, a growing number of schools are embedding health-focused modules into their core curriculum. These programmes aim to educate children from an early age about nutrition, hygiene, mental well-being, and the prevention of lifestyle-related diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and hypertension.

"Children form habits very early in life. If we can shape those habits in the right direction through structured guidance, we can significantly reduce the risk of chronic health conditions in adulthood. Our health education programme is not an add-on it is an essential life skill that every student should master," said a school principal.

The curriculum is not limited to textbooks. At several schools, students engage in interactive sessions that simulate real-life health scenarios. These include making healthy food choices, practicing mindfulness, understanding the importance of hygiene, and incorporating physical activity into daily routines.

"Health education used to mean a chapter in biology. Today, it's a living experience in our classrooms. We focus on capacity building for teachers so they can lead by example and foster real conversations around well-being," another principal explained.

Parental involvement is also becoming a cornerstone of these initiatives. Schools are conducting regular awareness sessions to engage parents and encourage them to reinforce the healthy habits being taught in class. Teachers say this approach helps create consistency between the school and home environments.

"When students see their families practicing what they learn in school, it creates a powerful ripple effect," said a school teacher.

For students, the shift is already making an impact. Aarav, a Class 8 student, shared, "We had a session on sugar and its effects, and I haven't touched a soda since! It's cool to know how our body works and what we can do to keep it healthy."

Riya, a Class 10 student, said, "Learning about mental health helped me understand stress better. Now I take time for deep breathing and journaling, which really helps me stay calm during exams."

As lifestyle diseases like hypertension and cardiovascular disorders continue to rise among young adults, health professionals believe early intervention through education could be a turning point. By equipping children with knowledge and practical tools, schools are helping to lay the foundation for a healthier future.

Dr S Rao, a general physician, said, "Investing in children's health today is the smartest way to invest in the nation's future."

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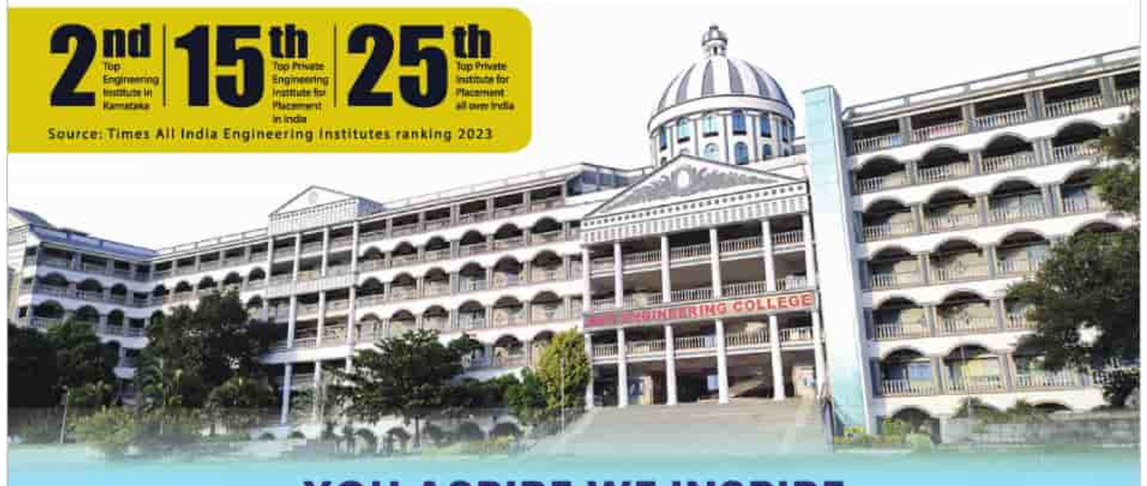

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STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

HERON'S RESTLESS VIGIL

Our reader captures a restless moment at Sarakki Lake. "A Grey Heron perched upon a tree trunk, its stance shifting often, as if anticipating something unseen," they write, reflecting on how even in vigilance, nature reveals its quiet drama where each movement hints at a deeper instinct, guarding a simple prize from silent rivals nearby.

The picture was clicked by reader **Sridhar Comaravalli**

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BMTC driver honoured with doctorate for snake rescue

Ranganath's fearless snake-saving mission earns rare academic honour and public service recognition

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In a rare and inspiring instance, a BMTC driver has been awarded an honorary doctorate, an achievement uncommon in the world of professional drivers. Ranganath K, a dedicated driver at BMTC's Unit-35, has received this unique honour not for his duties behind the wheel, but for his extraordinary commitment to snake conservation over the past three decades.

Ranganath, who holds badge number 20997, has been a BMTC driver for 14 years. Outside of his regular shifts, he spends his free time rescuing snakes from homes, offices, and public spaces across Bengaluru. Known for his calm and fearless approach, he often responds to distress calls at all hours of the day, offering a critical service to both people and wildlife.

His passion for herpetology began in childhood. Over the past 30 years, he has rescued more than 4,500 venomous snakes, including cobras, kraits, and vipers. In addition to saving the lives of both human and reptile he has made it a mission to educate the public, helping people overcome their fear of snakes through awareness and understanding.

Ranganath's work has not gone unnoticed. He has received 14 awards from various organisations, including the Kannada Seva Ratna and the Kannada Rajyotsava Award from the Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce.

Recently, his contributions were recognised on an academic platform. The Asia International Cultural Research University honoured him with an Honorary Doctorate for his snake-handling expertise and public service. On May 19, 2025, he received a second honorary doctorate from the American Wisdom Peace University in Malaysia for his role as a snake-handling trainer and his broader social service efforts.

A BMTC official noted that such academic recognition is rare for drivers, making Ranganath's achievements even more exceptional. "His story not only brings honour to himself but also reflects positively on BMTC," the official said. "His dedication shows how passion and public service can coexist, regardless of one's profession." The BMTC Managing Director extended warm congratulations, expressing hope that Ranganath's work continues to inspire and uplift society.

BMTC driver bravely rescued over 4,552 snakes across the city, dedicating himself to conservation since childhood

DID YOU KNOW?

Astronomers have observed a galaxy dating to an earlier epoch in the universe's history that surprisingly is shaped much like our Milky Way, a spiral structure with a straight bar of stars and gas running through its centre but far more massive, offering new insight into galactic formation.

The distant galaxy, named J0107a, was observed as it appeared 11.1 billion years ago, when the universe was just a fifth of its current age. Using data from Chile's Atacama Large Millimetre/submillimetre Array (ALMA) and NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, researchers found that J0107a is more than 10 times as massive as the Milky Way and forms stars at a rate 300 times greater.

Despite its vast mass, J0107a is more compact and shows no signs of a galactic merger, making its formation puzzling. "The galaxy is a monster," said lead author Shuo Huang.

J0107a's barred spiral structure resembles present-day galaxies, challenging theories about when such organised forms emerged. Its central bar spans about 50,000 light-years, channelling gas inward to create new stars, a process still being closely studied. — Reuters

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

In this column, we feature our readers' creations, whether it be a poem, an essay or just their share in the discourse. Readers can send in their work to mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com

A letter to Bangalore

To the Bangalore of my childhood,

I found myself thinking about you the other day, while sipping my hot kaapi and watching you throw one of your dramatic rain fits.

And just like that, the memories came flooding in… of all the quiet, beautiful times we once shared.

Remember those cold, misty mornings?

You'd wrap yourself in a soft blanket of fog, while I dragged myself out of bed for school.

My dad and I would ride through the chilly breeze, laced with the aroma of filter coffee, with not a soul in sight.

Even on dull, cloudy days, you'd look like a warm, colourful dream — splashed in yellow, pink, red, and purple.

Oh, and you and your weather games… you always had a flair for drama, didn't you?

One minute, you were all sunshine — the next, you were playing peekaboo with the sun; and I'd run around yelling, "Aiyoo, aache current hogbidthu!"

And those surprise downpours… I always wondered — was that you crying, or just laughing too hard?

OMG, remember those Sundays?

They felt like an actual full stop to the week — the one day every Bangalorean stayed indoors.

You even brought the whole city into sync with the 'Sunday ritual' — Dads queued up outside meat shops, kids trailing behind, holding their noses tight.

Moms were on their own mission: juggling a week's worth of laundry and prepping for lunch like Masterchefs, waiting on their star ingredient!

And our post-lunch bicycle adventures when the adults napped…

Remember how we raced like hell and flew straight into the gutter?

Pure joy at just 50 paise an hour, wasn't it?

These days, even a pocket full of riches can't buy that kind of happiness.

And as Sunday dusk settled under a sea of stars, with clothes fluttering on

every terrace…

Even you seemed to pause... as if you were taking a long, deep breath before Monday came.

You were so much slower, simpler… softer then.

Now you're all grown up — taller, louder, faster.

I miss the stillness, you know.

The small-town charm you wore so effortlessly.

But I still find pieces of you — in quiet lanes, in old Iyengar bakeries.

Most often, I find you in the early mornings, just before all the chaos wakes up.

And I smile. Knowing you're still here. Still holding on.

Silently working your magic. Still making dreams come true.

How long you've held us, raised us, and shaped us.

You still do — selflessly, for everyone who comes seeking something more.

For that, and so much more… thank you.

Maybe one day, they'll all see what I see in you — and they'll fall in love with you too.

You'll always be my cozy little wonderland… my Lil' Bengaluru!

And no matter where life takes me, I'll always carry a piece of you — in my heart, in my stories, and in my quiet Sunday evenings.

That's all for now. I'll write again sometime.

Until then, I'll keep looking for you — especially in the quiet corners where you still hide.

With a heart full of love, Sanky.

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THE SUNDAY READ

Nature's wingmen

Butterfly migration in Bengaluru signals monsoon shifts, highlighting ecology and citizen conservation efforts

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When migration is mentioned, images of thundering herds across Africa's Masai Mara often come to mind. Yet, right here in Bengaluru, a quieter, more delicate spectacle unfolds every year — the seasonal migration of butterflies gliding across South India's Western and Eastern Ghats.

Butterflies, despite their fragile appearance, are powerful bio-indicators of a region's ecological health. Their presence reflects the diversity and condition of local flora. Bengaluru, situated along a crucial migratory corridor, witnesses thousands of butterflies each year during their seasonal journey, according to Haneesh KM, a founding member of the Bangalore Butterfly Club. The community actively documents butterfly sightings and contributes its data to the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS).

"Every year, during pre-monsoon months, butterflies pass through the city in large numbers. Interestingly, years with intense butterfly activity often coincide with higher rainfall," Haneesh observed. "This suggests butterflies may be responding to wind and rain patterns, using nature's cues as their navigation system."

India is home to an estimated 1,200 butterfly species, of which more than 170 have been recorded in Bengaluru alone. Karnataka's Western Ghats boast over 340 species. The city's common migratory species belong to the Danainae subfamily, including the Dark Blue Tiger, Blue Tiger, Common Crow, and Double Banded Crow. While the average lifespan of a butterfly is one to two weeks, migration can extend this to three or even four weeks.

The recent uptick in butterfly sightings aligns with pre-monsoon showers, says Sammilan Shetty, founder of the Butterfly Park, Belvai. "Butterflies tend to move just ahead of the southwest monsoon. This could be an evolutionary strategy to escape the harsh conditions of the monsoon, particularly in the higher elevations of the Ghats." He notes that certain species, like the Common Emigrant, follow a coastal route along the Arabian Sea and then head inland just before the rains arrive. "It's a carefully timed survival tactic," he explains.

Although butterfly migration is not a newly observed phenomenon, public awareness has grown significantly in recent years. But this awareness has also brought challenges. Shetty warns against replacing native vegetation with ornamental plants in artificial butterfly gardens. "Such interventions can harm butterflies, whose breeding cycles depend on indigenous host plants. Preserving native flora is crucial," he said.

Nature enthusiasts, like Sahana M, have been tracking butterfly behaviour for years. "I've always been drawn to birds and butterflies. They're fragile, yet vibrant," she shares. This year, Sahana observed an early migration of Danaid butterflies. "That often signals an early monsoon," she points out, reinforcing the idea that butterfly patterns can act as a natural weather forecast.

Butterflies, being cold-blooded, are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment. Kiran Kiggal, Associate Professor of Electronics and a keen wildlife photographer, notes that butterflies rely on sunshine and nectar. "During heavy rains, nectar becomes scarce. So, they often shift eastward to avoid these conditions. Many begin migrating even before the monsoon sets in, sensing early showers caused by low-pressure systems," he says.

According to Dr Abhijith APC from Team Saaliga, butterfly migration is not just about movement, but survival. "They migrate to preserve their lineage. It's an instinctive intelligence," he explains. Many butterflies are host-specific; the Common Lime butterfly relies on citrus plants, while the Common Crow prefers Ficus trees. The pre-monsoon season offers fresh vegetation, making it ideal for breeding. Experts and nature lovers agree: Butterfly migration is more than a visual delight; it's a strategic and essential survival mechanism deeply tied to ecological balance.

Bengalureans too can play a role in this natural phenomenon. Planting native species, especially host and nectar plants, can provide critical support to migrating butterflies. Creating such green corridors not only aids their journey but also helps reduce roadkill. Citizen participation in recording butterfly movements can further contribute valuable data to scientists tracking their patterns.

In the heart of India's Silicon Valley, the flutter of delicate wings tells a timeless story of survival, adaptation, and harmony with nature, a reminder that sometimes, the most extraordinary migrations happen right in our backyard.

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–Haneesh M, Bangalore Butterfly Club

Early monsoon after 16 years

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The Southwest Monsoon has made an earlier-than-expected arrival this year. As of Saturday, the monsoon advanced into Kerala, parts of Karnataka, and several adjoining regions, setting in nearly a week ahead of the usual onset date of June 1.

IMD (India Meteorological Department) officials said that the northern limit of the monsoon currently passes through points including Karwar, Shivamogga, Dharmapuri, and Chennai. Conditions were favourable for the monsoon to further its advancement. Additionally, a depression located over the east central Arabian Sea near the south Konkan coast is moving eastwards and is expected to cross the coast between Ratnagiri and Dapoli by noon today, bringing heavy rainfall and strong winds to the region.

Drop in air pressure brings early monsoon

A Met expert said, "A cool cyclonic wind over the Bay of Bengal has accelerated the onset of the monsoon this year, with the rains expected to enter Karnataka through the coastal region this week. The strong cyclonic activity that usually forms over the Bay has weakened due to a drop in air pressure, causing the monsoon winds to intensify and arrive earlier than usual. Experts predict widespread good rainfall across the state through the end of this month."

Source said that accurately predicting the monsoon onset has traditionally been difficult, with arrivals shifting by a day or two each year. This marks a significant development, as the monsoon has not arrived this early in the past 16 years; the last similar early arrival was in 2009. While the rain may slow down slightly in the first week of June, it is expected to strengthen again by mid-June, sustaining good rainfall throughout the month.

Over 350% more pre-monsoon rainfall

Karnataka has witnessed an unprecedented surge in pre-monsoon rainfall, receiving approximately 350% more rain than the usual amount during the week of May 15 to 21, the Meteorological Department reported. Typically, the state records just 17.8 mm of rainfall between May 15 and 21. However, this year, 79.6 mm was recorded, about 347% above the average.

HEALTH TIP: According to studies, people who consume high amounts of protein are less likely to have excess belly fat

It's advisable to get your sun rays between 8 am-noon, as exposure to bright light in the morning correlates with a lower BMI

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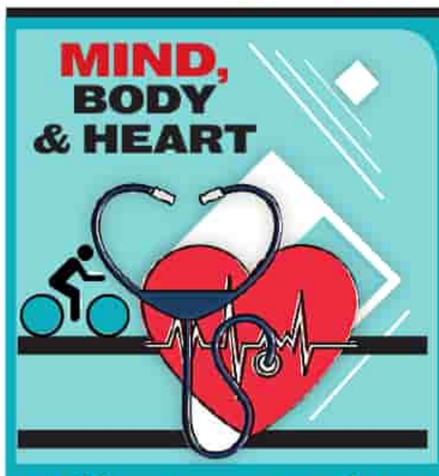

All you need to know about...

Foods for weight loss

Oats
Oats are a good source of soluble fibre that slows down digestion and helps to regulate blood sugar levels. According to Harvard Health, fibre rich foods can help you feel full and decrease total calorie intake.

Salmon
This fatty fish is packed with protein and omega-3 fatty acids, which reduce inflammation and help regulate hormone signalling around appetite. It also provides iodine, which the body needs for thyroid health.

Greek Yogurt
Greek yogurt is rich in protein and probiotics, which promote digestion and appetite suppression. Choose plain and unsweetened varieties to avoid added sugars.

Nuts
Nuts are calorie dense, which is similar to Creamy, Fat, Sweet. Nuts (almonds, walnuts) have been associated with lower waistlines. A New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) study has indicated that eating nuts on a regular basis is associated with long term weight control.

Beans or lentils
High in plant protein and fiber, lentils will help stabilise blood sugar and keep you feeling full. They are also low in fat, making them a good option for calorie-conscious diets.

Apples
Apples are low in calories but high in water and fiber. A study published in the National Institute of Health, USA, indicated that consuming an apple before meals decreased overall calorie consumption.

Avocados
While high in fat, the monounsaturated fats in avocados may help promote fat burn. They're also high in fiber and potassium, both aid in feeling full.

Chia Seeds
Chia seeds are loaded with omega-3s and soluble fiber. In the stomach they swell up, which leads to a feeling of fullness. To demonstrate, two tablespoons of chia seeds have nearly ten grams of fiber. —**Femina**

Elegant touch of summer

Try these creations that are designed to transport you to a state of sublime refreshment

MAMBAZHA PRADHAMAN

INGREDIENTS
(Serves 3–4)
- Ripe mango pulp – 2 cups (preferably Alphonso)
- Jaggery – 1 cup, melted (approx. 240 ml)
- Thin coconut milk – ½ cup
- Thick coconut milk – 1 cup
- Cardamom powder – ¼ tsp
- Ghee – 1 tbsp
- Nuts & raisins – for garnish (cashews preferred)
- Salt – a pinch

METHOD
- Cook Mangoes: In a heavy-bottomed pan, cook the ripe mango pulp with a small amount of water until soft and pulpy.
- Add Jaggery: Stir in the melted jaggery and continue cooking until it blends well with the mango pulp.
- Simmer with Thin Coconut Milk: Add the thin coconut milk and let the mixture simmer gently. Do not boil vigorously.
- Incorporate Thick Coconut Milk: Lower the flame and add the thick coconut milk, cardamom powder, and ghee. Stir continuously to avoid curdling.
- Final Touch: Add a pinch of salt to balance the sweetness.
- Garnish & Serve: In a separate pan, sauté nuts and raisins in ghee until golden. Garnish the pradhaman and serve warm or chilled.

MULLAPPOO ELANEER PUDDING

INGREDIENTS
- Add a few fresh jasmine flowers in the milk overnight.
- The next day, Add the required amount of sugar to this milk, heat it slightly and strain it.
- Milk- 500ml
- Agar Agar powder-1/2 tsp
- Fresh Jasmine flower -9 to 10 pieces
- Tender coconut water- 1 cup
- Tender coconut pulp-1 cup
- Whipping cream- 1 cup

METHOD
- Mix the tender coconut water and agar agar. Heat the mixture until agar agar dissolves.
- Mix this mixture with jasmine infused milk (we added sugar during the infusion).
- Add tender coconut pulp and whipping cream
- Allow the mixture to cool and pour into individual cups.
- Refrigerate until set.

HIBISCUS RASMALAI RECIPE

INGREDIENTS
For the Chenna Patties:
- 1 litre full-fat milk
- 2–3 tablespoons lemon juice or vinegar
- 3–4 cups water (for syrup)
- 1 cup sugar

For Hibiscus Milk:
- 500 ml full-fat milk
- ¼ cup sugar (adjust to taste)
- 6–8 dried hibiscus petals (or 2 hibiscus tea bags)
- 3–4 green cardamom pods (lightly crushed)
- A few saffron strands (optional)
- 1 tablespoon chopped pistachios (for garnish)

METHOD
- Make Chenna (Fresh Paneer): Boil 1 liter of milk in a heavy pan. Once it reaches a boil, reduce heat and add lemon juice gradually while stirring. When the milk curdles, switch off heat. Strain it through a muslin cloth. Rinse under cold water to remove the lemony taste. Hang it for 30 minutes to drain. Knead the chenna for 8–10 minutes until smooth. Make small discs (rasgulla-like), flatten gently.
- Cook Chenna Patties: Boil 3–4 cups water with 1 cup sugar. Drop patties into the boiling syrup. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. Turn off the heat. Let cool. Gently squeeze extra syrup from the patties.
- Prepare Hibiscus Milk: In a saucepan, heat 500 ml milk. Add sugar, cardamom, and saffron. Simmer gently for 10–15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Steep hibiscus petals or tea bags in ¼ cup hot water for 10 minutes. Strain and stir the deep pink hibiscus infusion into the milk. Let cool completely, then refrigerate.
- Assemble Rasmalai: Add cooled chenna patties to the hibiscus milk. Chill for at least 2 hours to let flavors infuse.
- Garnish & Serve: Top with pistachios, dried rose petals, or even a fresh hibiscus petal. Serve cold.

Inputs from Chef Sukesh, Executive Chef, Gateway Bekal

Trump tariff shadow over Apple

'Made in US' iPhone can cost nearly Rs 3 lakh: Analysts

INFOCUS IPHONE UPDATES

A 'Made in US' Apple iPhone can cost a whopping $3,500 (more than Rs 2,98,000) in absence of a fully-integrated supply chain in the country, top analysts have said.

Dan Ives, global head of technology research at Wedbush Securities, told the CNN that the idea of fully domestic iPhone production is a "fictional tale."

Ives also warned that replicating Apple's complex Asian supply chain in the US would result in massive cost increases.

The report quoted him as saying that "You build that (supply chain) in the US with a fab in West Virginia and New Jersey. They'll be $3,500 iPhones".

Moreover, it would take Apple at least three years and a massive $30 billion just to shift 10 per cent of its supply chain to the US, according to market watchers.

Apple CEO Tim Cook said during the company's latest quarterly earnings call that "the majority" of iPhones shipped to the US for the June quarter will soon come from India.

US President Donald Trump has threatened a 50 per cent tax on all imports from the European Union as well a 25 per cent tariff on Apple products unless iPhones are made in the US.

However, according to informed sources, India's competitive edge makes it a natural choice for tech giants like Apple, and the tech giant has assured the government of its commitment to manufacture its products and boost the 'Make in India' initiative.

The country has shown big companies like Apple the value of "Make in India". According to people close to the matter, "There is no change in Apple's investment plans in India".

India has become a key hub for Apple's global supply chain in recent years. Global tech giants such as Apple see a lot of economic sense in setting up manufacturing facilities in the country.

Apple registered the highest growth of 23 per cent among the top five brands in India in the January-March quarter, shipping a first-quarter record of three million units, an IDC report said. In the March quarter, iPhone 16 was the highest shipped model, accounting for 4 per cent of overall India shipments during Q1 2025.

India is increasingly becoming a critical and strategic node in Apple's global supply chain — not just owing to its growing attractive domestic market, but also its expanding export capabilities and conducive policy environment, according to Prabhu Ram, VP at CyberMedia Research (CMR).

—IANS

The new iPhone 16 is displayed during an announcement of new products at Apple headquarters (file photo)

X down

5,000+: Users of X across the world reported issues with the platform, according to Downdetector

41% users: Were unable to login

41%: Reported problems with the X app

18%: Complained about problems with the website

The company was yet to reveal the reason behind the outage -- second within 24 hours.

Several users in India tried to use the website but were unable to access it.

X Engineering said: "X is aware some of our users are experiencing performance issues on the platform today. We are experiencing a data centre outage and the team is actively working to remediate the issue," it posted.

Previously... In March, Musk said a massive cyber-attack hit his X social media platform, that disabled millions of users across the globe, including in India, from accessing the popular platform. "We get attacked every day, but this was done with a lot of resources. Either a large, coordinated group and/or a country is involved. Tracing...," said the billionaire in a post. "There was (still is) a massive cyberattack against X," he said, adding that it is an attempt to silence him and his platform.

—IANS

SPORTSSHORTS

Slow over rate: Cummins, Patidar fined

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) regular skipper Rajat Patidar was fined after his team maintained a slow over rate during the 65th encounter of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 against the Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Friday at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow.

As it was his team's second offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Patidar was fined Rs 24 lakh. The rest of the members of the Playing XI, including the Impact Player, were each individually fined either Rs 6 lakh or 25 per cent of their respective match fees, whichever is lesser, as per the IPL Media Advisory. SRH captain Pat Cumuns was also fined in the same game for maintaining a slow over-rate during the match. ANI

Gill to lead Test squad

Shubman Gill was named as India's new test skipper on Saturday to lead the team on its five-test tour of England starting June 20.

The 25-year-old batter takes over from Rohit Sharma, who announced his retirement from test cricket this month followed by batting great Virat Kohli doing the same. Sharma last led India against Australia during the Boxing Day test. Keeper-batter Rishabh Pant has been named vice-captain for India's tour of England.

Jasprit Bumrah had been an option for the captaincy but the pacer wasn't chosen considering his fitness issues.

"We don't think he will be available for all five tests — we will see based on how the series goes and his workload," Agarkar said. Karun Nair returns to the test fold to lend some experience and is expected to bat in the middle order. Pacer Mohammed Shami was left out owing to poor form and fitness concerns. AP

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8.5% interest on PF deposits

The Centre has ratified the interest rate on employees' provident fund (PF) deposits at 8.25 per cent for FY2024-25 -- the same as the previous fiscal.

In February, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) announced to retain the interest rate on employees' provident fund deposits at 8.25 per cent for FY25. The decision was taken by the EPFO's Central Board of Trustees at a meeting in Delhi.

The Ministry of Finance has now cleared the rate of interest on employees' PF at 8.25 per cent for FY25. A notification from the Labour Ministry has also been sent to the retirement fund body this week, according to reliable sources on Saturday.

The interest rate on EPF for 2024-25 is set to be credited into the accounts. IANS

Rahul meets shelling victims

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday met the victims of the cross-border shelling by Pakistani troops in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and described the damage caused as a "big tragedy", pledging to highlight their plight at the national level.

The leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha visited Poonch and interacted for over an hour with the affected, including the families who lost their members in the shelling between May 7 and May 10. "It is a big tragedy. Many people lost their lives. They (Pakistan army) have hit civilian targets directly. I talked to the people and tried to understand their problems and they have asked me to raise their issue at the national level which I will do," Gandhi told reporters.

Later, in a post on X, he said these patriotic families bear the biggest burden of war. PTI

TN demands Central funds

Stating that it does not augur well for cooperative federalism when states seek legal recourse to get the Central funds they are entitled to, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday urged the Union government to disburse Rs 2,200 crore funds under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) due for the state.

This hefty sum, Stalin said, was denied to the state for not signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Education Ministry regarding the "PM Shri" scheme.

Also, he made a strong pitch for enhancing the state's share in central taxes to 50 per cent and underscored the necessity for a dedicated urban transformation mission in the state. "Particularly, nearly Rs. 2,200 crore of Union funds have been denied to Tamil Nadu in 2024-2025," Stalin said. PTI

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I, **R.CHETHAN** S/o S.R.RANGASWAMY permanent resident of #579, 1st cross, OTF Layout, SNR circle, Kolar-563101. I have changed my minor daughter name from **C.A.LITHIKSHA** (old Name) to **MAITHRI.C** (New Name) for all the purposes. Same as been Sworn through vide affidavit Dated:19/05/2025 before H.Krishnegowda, Advocate & Notary, Kolar.

I, L. Sivakumar S/o S. Lakshmi Narayanan, R/at No. 146/1, 3rd Main road, Ground Floor, Sharadambanagar, Bengaluru-560013 here by declare that I have changed my son's name from ADITH NARAYAN to S. ADITH NARAYAN with immediate effect vide affidavit IN - KA 38956001811139X dated 23.05.2025 sworn before notary B.Hanumantharaya, Bangalore

WE, Laxmi Sravanthi B and Vikram P S Reddy, residing at #109, Surya Complex, Near Konappana Agrahara Metro station, Dodda Thogur, Electronic city post, Bangalore, Karnataka-560100, have changed our minor son name from Palyam Sai Sravik Reddy to P V Sai Sravik Reddy, vide affidavit dated 29/04/2025 sworn before notary B M Chandrasekhar, Bangalore.

I. Vishwas Vidyasagar R/O No 303, 3rd Floor, A Block, Sai Kalyan Ultima, Rachenahalli Main Road, P&T Colony, Thanisandra, Blr-45 changed my name from Vishwas Vidyasagar to Vishwas Vidyasagar for all further purposes.

I.CHAITANYA Dutt.M V R/O No 521, 7th Main, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Blr-85 changed my name from Chaitanya Dutt to Chaitanya Dutt.M V for all further purposes. (M V full form is Murthy Venkatesh).

I, VINAY PAMPANNA BUDDANAVAR, S/o Pampanna, R/at No. 52/B, Kondoji, Haveri, Karnataka-581102 have changed my name to VINAY BUDDANAVAR, Vide affidavit dt: 24-05-2025 before notary Natesh D, B.lore.

REMEMBRANCE
SHARING MEMORIES

28th Death Anniversary

Y. RAMA KRISHNA
EX. MP & EX. MINISTER

We miss you every moment of our lives. Your memories are immortal and missed beyond measures.
Fondly remembered by- Family Members.

Rescue ops reveal kids being used for begging

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welfare workers warn that areas like railway stations, footpaths, and markets are increasingly being targeted by traffickers who exploit children for begging, child labour, and in some cases, sexual exploitation across state lines.

'Abducted children are forced to beg'

Sources told BM that in several rescue operations officials have found children, sometimes just infants, being used by adults, particularly women, to beg at traffic signals and crowded public areas. These children are often deployed to invoke sympathy and collect alms, and in some cases, they are reportedly lent out for money on a daily wage basis.

"In many of the cases, abducted or trafficked children are later found begging at traffic signals, bus stops, or markets. Some are even lent out by handlers for a daily wage," a source involved in rescue operations revealed.

Authorities underline that whenever a girl or child aged 18 years and below is found begging or rescued from unsafe environments, the case is taken up by the Women and Child Welfare Department. Multiple departments, including Bala Shishu Vihar and dedicated child protection units, work together to provide shelter, rehabilitation, and legal support for such children. As the investigations into both cases continue, officials stress the urgent need for stronger surveillance at transit hubs, better public awareness, and community reporting to help protect the city's most vulnerable children.

Poachers can slip in posing as tourists, activists warn

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Bandipur region. "The anti-poaching camp (APC) in question is in the tourism area, and tourists are being taken there for basic awareness sessions. We are only talking about the role that APC officers play in protecting the forest and animals. No sensitive information is being given away. The idea behind the programme is to educate people about the role of forest department officials and the importance of biodiversity conservation and preservation," said S Prabhakaran, Conservator of Forest, Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

According to NTCA guidelines, the patrolling camps, chowkis, and watch towers inside a tiger reserve (core as well as buffer) should not be used for accommodating tourists or facilitating tourism. As these structures have been constructed under Project Tiger, for the sole purpose of accommodating the frontline field staff, it needs to be ensured that they are solely used for patrolling or anti poaching work.

NTCA also states that tourists should not be allowed to patrol the core, critical tiger habitat, owing to the risk involved vis-à-vis the intensive legwork in a formidable terrain with wild animals. Further, exposing tourists to sensitive patrolling routes, paths, and spatial presence of animals, besides the patrolling strategy, would make the habitat vulnerable by exposing such details, which may be confidential for apprehending the offenders or poachers.

Besides, there can be no method by which a poacher entering a wildlife habitat under the garb of a tourist can be identified. Likewise, there is no mechanism available to ensure that sensitive information about wildlife protection is not advertently/inadvertently passed on to miscreants and poachers. The frontline staff would also be burdened with the task of acting as "caretakers" for the tourists, besides attending to their possible health-related emergencies. And on top of that, patrolling is effective and successful only if it is organised discreetly.

NTCA also instructs that these provisions under the Wildlife (Protection) Act should be implemented in letter and spirit to ensure the inviolate status of the core / critical tiger habitat. The guidelines or advisories issued by NTCA may be strictly followed for organising intelligence-based patrolling in tiger reserves.

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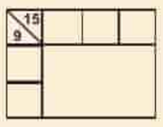
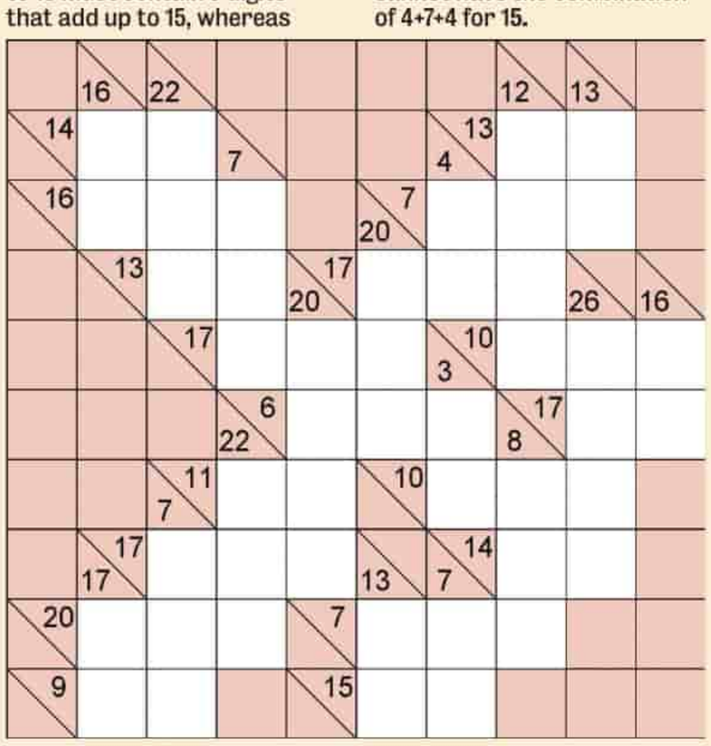


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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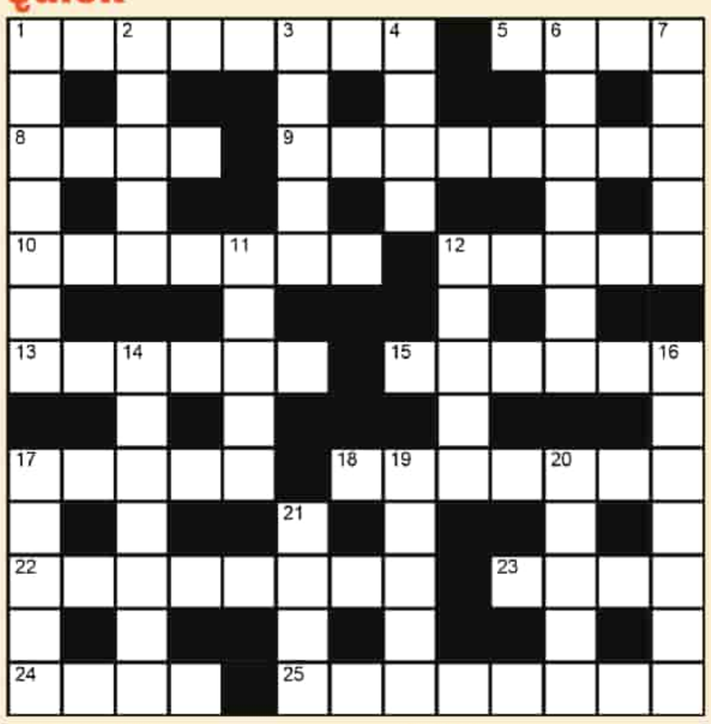


ACROSS

1 J M Barrie character (5,3)
5 Shout (4)
8 Den (4)
9 Admires; refers or relates to? (8)
10 Fortified buildings (7)
12 Bangalore is divided into 225 ____ (5)
13 Mended socks (6)
15 Injured party (6)
17 Sink (5)
18 Indicates (7)
22 Comprehensive (8)
23 Small arachnid (4)
24 Made haste (4)
25 In an offending or annoying manner (8)

DOWN

1 Patrolled (7)
2 Shaves or shears (5)
3 Intrinsically–in Latin? (3,2)
4 Inquisitive (4)
6 Passage taken from a book (7)
7 Endures (5)
11 __ __ ruins : be overthrown or fallen? (3,2)
12 Squeeze tight; squeeze and twist (5)
14 Equestrian award (7)
16 Enigma (7)
17 Dwells or stays–"bed is" crumpled? (5)
19 Book reference (5)
20 Imitating (5)
21 East European (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS C

WIM RGJ'O UVJN GJW OXMA RPIBAJABB VJ CIPPWZIIN, LARGMBA AQAXWLINW NIAB OCA UGHA RPIBAJABB BI ZAPP.

Line maro

Are you religious? Good, because I'm the answer to your prayers.

Mindchow

Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day

Joke of the day

A lawyer's wife dies. At the cemetery, people are appalled to see that the tombstone reads, "Here lies Phyllis, wife of Murray, L.L.D., Wills, Divorce, Malpractice." Suddenly, Murray bursts into tears. His brother says, "You should cry, pulling a stunt like this!" Through his tears, Murray croaks, "You don't understand! They left out the phone number!"

Loop

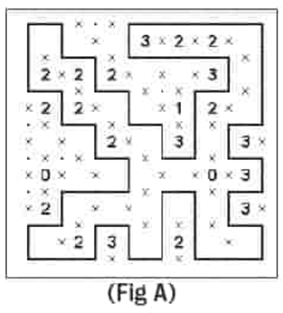
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

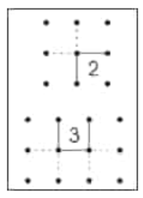
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

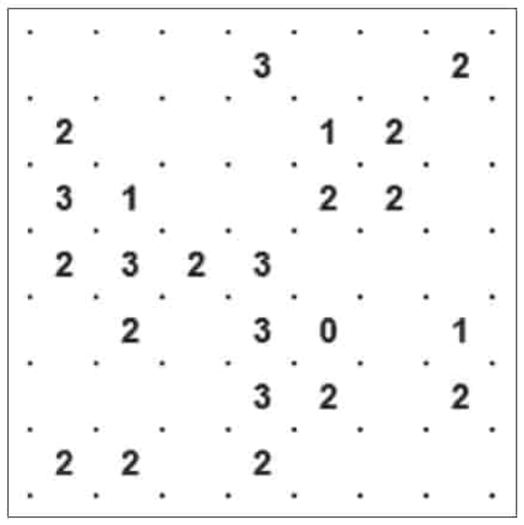
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



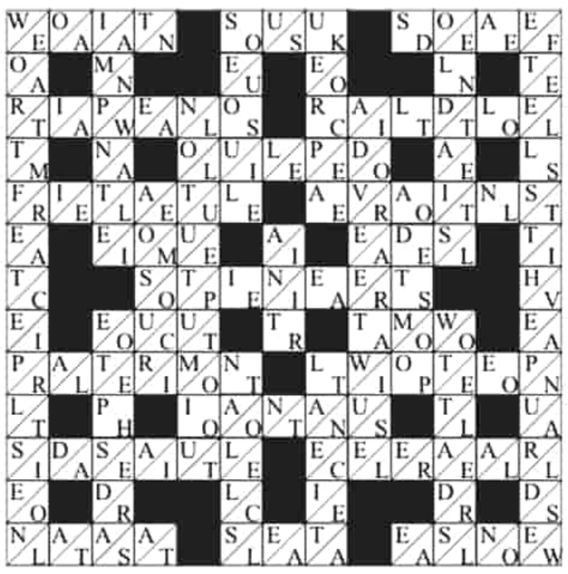
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9			W	

ACROSS

1 Trass; 6 We Nov; 7 Sane I; 8 As LAN; 9 L grow

DOWN

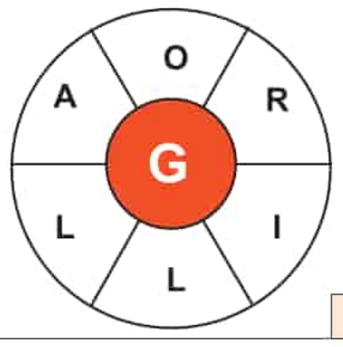
1 Want G; 2 Arson; 3 Via so; 4 Wears; 5 Sell N

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?

6	FKM	24
12	LUC	24
20	IRB	9
4	DGQ	24
34	PJH	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

8	5				9	1		6
	2		3					
			4		1			3
6		8				5		
			8		2			
		4				3		1
9			2		4			
					3		1	
1		7	5				9	2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

= 16

7 8 8 9

Medium

= 25

5 5 4 4

Hard

= 24

2 4 9 3

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

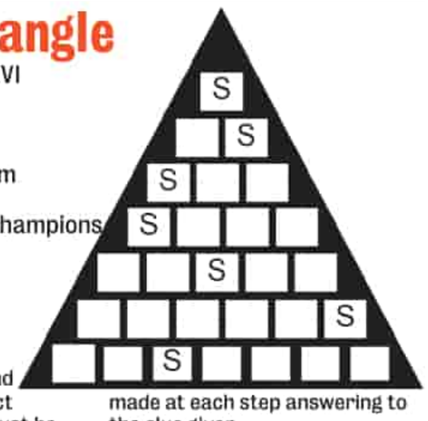
Differences: 1. Stick is shorter. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Dog's paw is different. 4. Cap is different. 5. Base of tree trunk is wider. 6. Spot on dog's back is missing.

Riddler

Our usage dates back a long, long way. While among the first tools, our prototypes were bone and plant. Today we are usually made of steel. We are related by design but not purposes, though sometimes we work well together, especially in the holding business. We have relatives of different shapes and sizes. A hollow one is a real sticker and our Chinese cousins can be all over you. In Great Britain we are a popular name for a pricking or tingling sensation, and to be on us in the U.S. is to be in a state of excessive uneasiness.

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number XVI
2 _ easy _ a pie
3 __ dog: sailor
4 Red-tag event
5 Intense light beam
6 Finds out
7 2019-20 FA Cup Champions



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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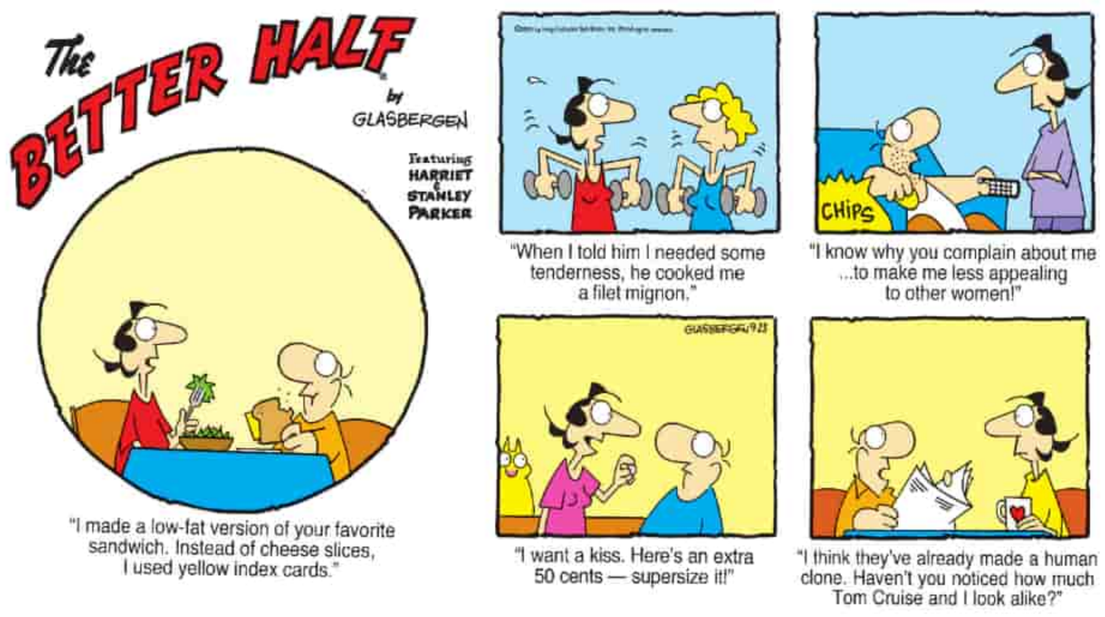
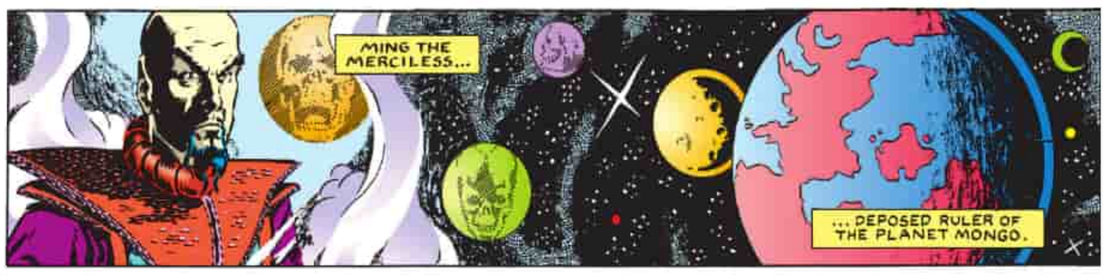

The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"I made a low-fat version of your favorite sandwich. Instead of cheese slices, I used yellow index cards."
"When I told him I needed some tenderness, he cooked me a filet mignon."
CHIPS
"I know why you complain about me ...to make me less appealing to other women!"
"I want a kiss. Here's an extra 50 cents — supersize it!"
"I think they've already made a human clone. Haven't you noticed how much Tom Cruise and I look alike?"

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
LET'S HAVE YOU MOVE A LITTLE CLOSER TO WREN.
LIKE THIS?
THAT'S PERFECT!
NOW, EVERYBODY SMILE. ONE...TWO...
:SIGH!: ANOTHER CLASSIC HOLIDAY PHOTO.
THIS MIGHT EVEN BE WEIRDER THAN LAST YEARS.



FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
I WANT TO THANK YOU, GORDON.
HIDING AMONG MY "ABANDONED" RESEARCH FACILITIES SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF FINDING YOU.
MING... ALIVE?!
IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FRAMED ME!
WELL, IT WON'T WORK!
AS SOON AS BARIN GETS THE STOOGE WHO IMPLICATED ME TO COME CLEAN...
THANKS TO A VENOM-INDUCED HYPNOSIS...
...THAT "STOOGE" BELIEVES YOU WERE THE ONE WHO COERCED HIM INTO SMUGGLING. THERE WILL BE NO EXONERATION. MY PLAN IS FOOLPROOF.
AND DALE'S DEATH...
WAS THAT PART OF YOUR "PLAN"?
I HAVE TO ADMIT, THAT I DIDN'T PLAN ON.
I JUST GOT LUCKY...
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, MING!
NO, EARTHLING.
YOU TOOK AWAY MY KINGDOM.
YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO PAY.
REXOR, BEGIN!
WITH PLEASURE...
NEXT: FROM OUT OF THE RUBBLE...

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is financially favorable. Gains from past investments are likely, and your ability to control unnecessary spending will boost your savings. In relationships, choose your words carefully—love partners should maintain a gentle tone to prevent misunderstandings or conflict.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Blessed by the Moon, you'll feel energetic and positive throughout the day. You're likely to enjoy your work and share romantic moments that enhance harmony at home. A new project may be planned, with your precision helping structure it well. Job seekers may receive promising opportunities. Couples should avoid petty arguments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Disappointment may surface today. Ego and impulsive speech could lead to misunderstandings, especially in personal interactions. Love partners should be cautious in conversations to avoid strain. It's best to think before speaking and practice emotional restraint.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
New sources of income may emerge, thanks to the Moon's blessings. Past investments are likely to yield profits, leading to improved financial stability. Health issues concerning your parents may begin to resolve, bringing peace at home.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Happiness and productivity define your day. You may receive appreciation from superiors, with potential for promotions or new responsibilities. Hidden opposition or rivals may lose their edge. Singles and couples could take meaningful steps toward marriage with family support.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Recent turbulence begins to settle. Postponed tasks can now resume successfully, and your hard work is likely to be recognized. Business profits may strengthen your finances. You might spend on art or literature, and overseas travel could soon be on the agenda.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Family matters may dominate your attention today. Exploring alternative income sources may prove fruitful. A growing interest in art, film, or glamour could awaken your creative side. Love partners will gain clarity, and students are likely to feel motivated in their career pursuits.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may not feel your best today. Health concerns could affect both personal and professional life, and your spouse's well-being might be a source of stress. Avoid investing in new ventures. Patience will be crucial. Students should stay grounded and focus on realistic goals.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Positivity and improved health are highlighted. Chronic health issues may ease. Financially, stuck funds could be recovered. You might also consider applying for a loan to purchase luxury items or fulfill long-awaited desires.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A sluggish mood may affect focus and productivity today. Health concerns regarding children or your spouse might cause stress. Postpone any major investments for now. Couples should avoid disputes over family matters to maintain peace.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may experience emotional heaviness or negativity. Avoid impulsive decisions, especially involving low-value investments. Friends might not be as supportive as expected—manage your expectations and rely on your intuition when making important choices.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
A productive day for business awaits you. Support from subordinates will aid in executing plans successfully. Family or social gatherings can strengthen your network. Short business-related trips may also bring beneficial results soon.

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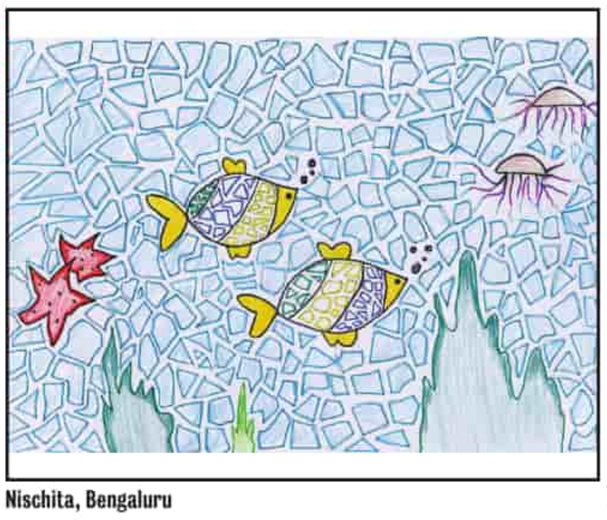

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
5! x 3!!
((5x4x3x2x1) x (3x1))
120 x 3
360

RIDDLER
Pins and Needles.

FAST FIVE

T	S	A	R	S
W	O	V	E	N
A	N	I	S	E
N	A	S	A	L
G	R	O	W	L

QUOTE UNCODE
You can't find any true closeness in Hollywood, because everybody does the fake closeness so well.

STRIKE OUT

W	A	I	N	S	U	K	D	E	A	F
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
0. In each row, the left hand number equals the total of the even valued letters in the middle box, and the right hand number equals the total of the odd valued letters in the middle box.

BULL'S EYE
goal, gill, girl, giro, goal, GORILLA, grail, grill

SUDOKU

8	5	3	7	2	9	1	4	6
4	2	1	3	5	6	8	7	9
7	6	9	4	8	1	2	5	3
6	9	8	1	3	7	5	2	4
3	1	5	8	4	2	9	6	7
2	7	4	6	9	5	3	8	1
9	8	6	2	1	4	7	3	5
5	4	2	9	7	3	6	1	8
1	3	7	5	6	8	4	9	2

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sea, Sale, Laser, Learns, Arsenal.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 8 + 7 − 8 = 16
Medium
4 − 4 + 5 x 5 = 25
Hard
4 x 9 \ 3 x 2 = 24

LOOP

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 # Mukul Dev no more

Actor Mukul Dev, best known for his roles in films such as 'Son of Sardaar', 'Yamla Pagla Deewana', has passed away, his brother Rahul Dev said on Saturday. He was 54

Under a hot sun

Hollywood star Scarlett Johansson says it was extremely difficult shooting 'Jurassic World Rebirth' at the height of summer in Malta because "there was no escape from the sun."

The 40-year-old star, who plays the role of Zora Bennett in the latest movie in the 'Jurassic Park' franchise, told Empire magazine: "There was no escape from the sun. It was just baking every day. And you're on this rig, 30 feet in the air or whatever it is, and it's moving up and down and sideways, and there's all this water being shot out of these cannons towards you. It was brutal. "To do it one day would be hard. But to do it continuously for, like, six weeks or whatever..."

The movie's director Gareth Edwards said that he did feel sympathy for his cast as they made the flick in gruelling conditions, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

The 'Rogue One: A Star Wars Story' filmmaker recalled: "At the end of each day, I'd try and reassure them that tomorrow was going to be easier because of this reason. And then the next day would be even harder for either precisely the same reason, or a brand-new other reason. After a while, they just stopped believing me."

Edwards has hinted that 'Jurassic World Rebirth', which will be released in cinemas in July, will be darker in tone than previous movies and suggested that it is a "horror film". **— IANS**

An insipid tale about caste and identity crisis

KULADALLI KEELYAVUDO
2.0 RATING ★★☆☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** K Ram Narayan
- **ACTORS** Madenur Manu, Mouna Guddemane, Sonal Monteiro, Tabala Nani, Sharat Lohitashwa, Kari Subbu.
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 138 minutes

Kuladalli Keelyavudo is directed by K Ram Narayan, who began his career as a director in 2015 with the film Paipoti. The director has got on board an ensemble cast including director Yogaraj Bhat, but he failed to use the actors' skills to the hilt. In his effort to ensure equal screen space to all the actors, the movie's duration got stretched.

The movie begins with a heart wrenching scene of a person (Yogaraj Bhat), belonging to a lower caste, seen dragging the mortal remains of his wife on a coconut frond. Along with his daughter, he comes to a forest to perform her final rites as upper caste people do not allow him to bury his wife's body. Meanwhile, circumstances compel him to challenge an upper caste family, on the way to their hometown on a bullock cart, to touch him and recognise his humanity. A young girl of the family touches him but he asks her to touch him with the understanding that he too is a human being. The young girl refuses to go with her parents and decides to remain with the man and his daughter. But what prompted her to make such a decision is unclear.

If the director had continued the story of this man and the young girl, it would have been a good story and a relief to the audiences but he instead introduces a tribal community in a city struggling for shelter and identity. Muttarasa (Madenur Manu) is the leader of a street band engaged for funerals. Muttarasa, in association with his love interest Lacchi (Mouna Guddemane) and his friend Tamte (Tabala Nani), struggle to have a roof over their heads. Along with his community members, he meets a Tahsildar (Sonal Monteiro) requesting her to allot land for the community. The Tahsildar sanctions forest land to them. You have to watch the movie to know whether or not Muttarasa and his community members get the allotted land.

Madenur Manu, who was held on rape charges on Thursday, needs to hone his acting if he wants to continue in the profession. The problem with him is that he looks stoic in most of the sequences, including romance, sentiment and action. Mouna Guddemane, Tabala Nani, Sonal Monteiro, and Kari Subbu provide good support. Sharat Lohitashwa, Dragon Manju, and Seenu Bhai are convincing villains.

Had the director reduced the runtime by 20 to 30 minutes, especially the scene of mass cremation, it would have been some relief to the hapless audiences.

We suggest you go for this film if you have nothing else planned.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

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